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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/10/10.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 292-309.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is responsive to Applicant's arguments and request for reconsideration of application 10/518,823 (04/22/08) filed on 08/10/10.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 292-309 are allowed, subject to the examiner's amendment below.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with pro se applicant Phil Kongtcheu, Monday, August 30, 2010

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows: In the specification, please replace the Title and Abstract with the amendments noted below. Please cancel claims 274-291. Please add new claims 292 - 309.

Title

Methods, systems and computer program products to facilitate the pricing, risk management and trading of derivatives contracts.

Abstract

This invention relates to methods, systems and computer program products to facilitate the pricing trading and risk management of derivatives contracts on one or more underlying via the introduction of Basis instrument Contracts (BICs). Such pricing trading and risk management may be done in organized exchanges or in over-the-counter (OTC) markets.

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Claims 274 - 291 (Cancelled)

Claim 292 (New) A method for yielding a premium payment amount of a derivative contract along a multi-period timeline comprising:

- a) receiving, via a first input device linked to a computer processor, a request from a user for a premium payment amount of a derivative contract, said derivative contract having a description comprising, on the multi-period timeline, a contract agreement time, a premium payment time and a payout payment time and, said description further comprising a payout payment amount described as a function of realized values of specified underlying(s) or parameters between the premium payment time and the payout payment time;
- b) receiving, via a second input device linked to the computer processor, a premium payment amount for each marginal unit of basis instruments contracts (BICs) having the same payout payment time as the derivative contract, each said marginal unit of BICs having the same premium payment time, said premium payment time being a time that precedes the payout payment time of the derivatives contract on the multi-period timeline;
- c) decomposing, by the computer processor, the derivative contract into a portfolio of composing BICs, wherein each composing BIC comprises a quantity of marginal units of BICs having the same payout payment time as the derivative contract;

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d) computing, by the computer processor, a premium payment amount for each composing BIC based on a sum of the marginal units of BICs premium payment amounts in the quantity given by the portfolio decomposition;

e) computing, by the computer processor, a premium payment amount of the derivatives contract based on the portfolio of composing BICs having the same payout payment time as the derivatives contract, wherein said premium payment amount of the derivatives contract is computed as a weighted sum of the premium payment amounts of the composing BICs in the portfolio based on the quantities given by the portfolio decomposition,

f) yielding, by the computer processor, the premium payment amount of the derivatives contract for the premium payment time of the marginal units of BICs;

g) repeating steps a), b), c) ,d), e) and f), where the premium payment amount of the derivative contract for the premium payment time of the marginal units of BICs is received by the first input device as a new derivatives contract with an incrementally decreased payout payment time, and wherein said repetition terminates when the premium payment time in step f) coincides with the premium payment time specified by the user in the description for the derivative contract;

h) and transmitting, via an output device linked to the computer processor, the premium payment amount for the derivative contract yielded in step f) when step g) indicates the repetition terminates, to the user who requested the premium payment amount of the derivative contract.

Claim 293 (New) The method of claim 292, where the BICs are supplied in a variety of payout payment formats, including the Options format, the extended Arrow Debreu format and the Fourier format.

Claim 294 (New) The method of claim 292 used in a trading or exchange system, wherein step b) includes receiving a computed marginal premium payment amount for each unit or group of composing BICs obtained by selecting the most competitive price among those quoted by one or more market makers.

Claim 295 (New) The method of claim 294, where the selected most competitive prices are subsequently contracted upon confirmation of a user's intent to trade the original derivatives contract.

Claim 296 (New) The method of claim 292, wherein the premium payment amount for the marginal units of BICs received from the second input device is provided in aggregate or compressed form to reduce complexity or computing time.

Claim 297 (New) The method of claim 292, wherein the premium payment amount transmitted via the output device is increased by an optional service margin.

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Claim 298 (New) A system for yielding a premium payment amount of a derivative contract along a multi-period timeline comprising:

a) a first input device configured to receive a request from a user for a premium payment amount of a derivative contract, said derivative contract having a description comprising, on the multi-period timeline, a contract agreement time, a premium payment time and a payout payment time and, said description further comprising a payout payment amount described as a function of realized values of specified underlying(s) or parameters between the premium payment time and the payout payment time;

b) a second input device configured to receive a premium payment amount for each marginal unit of basis instruments contracts (BICs) having the same payout payment time as the derivative contract, each said marginal unit of BICs having the same premium payment time, said premium payment time being a time that precedes the payout payment time of the derivatives contract on the multi-period timeline;

c) a computer processor linked to the first input device configured to decompose the derivative contract into a portfolio of composing BICs, wherein each composing BIC comprises a quantity of marginal units of BICs having the same payout payment time as the derivative contract;

a computer processor linked to the first input device and the second input device configured to:

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d) compute a premium payment amount for each composing BIC based on a sum of the marginal units of BICs premium payment amounts in the quantity given by the portfolio decomposition;

e) compute a premium payment amount of the derivatives contract based on the portfolio of composing BICs having the same payout payment time as the derivatives contract, wherein said premium payment amount of the derivatives contract is computed as a weighted sum of the premium payment amounts of the composing BICs in the portfolio based on the quantities given by the portfolio decomposition,

f) yield the premium payment amount of the derivatives contract for the premium payment time of the marginal units of BICs;

g) repeat steps a), b), c) ,d), e) and f), where the premium payment amount of the derivative contract for the premium payment time of the marginal units of BICs is received by the first input device as a new derivatives contract with an incrementally decreased payout payment time, and wherein said repetition terminates when the premium payment time in step f) coincides with the premium payment time specified by the user in the description for the derivative contract;

h) and an output device linked to the computer processor configured to transmit the premium payment amount for the derivative contract yielded in step f) when step g) indicates the repetition terminates, to the user who requested the premium payment amount of the derivative contract.

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Claim 299 (New) The system of claim 298, where the BICs are supplied in a variety of payout payment formats, including the Options format, the extended Arrow Debreu format and the Fourier format.

Claim 300 (New) The system of claim 298 used in a trading or exchange system, wherein step b) further configured to ~~includes receiving~~ a computed marginal premium payment amount for each unit or group of composing BICs obtained by selecting the most competitive price among those quoted by one or more market makers.

Claim 301 (New) The system of claim 300, where the selected most competitive prices are subsequently contracted upon confirmation of a user's intent to trade the original derivatives contract.

Claim 302 (New) The system of claim 298, wherein the premium payment amount for the marginal units of BICs received from the second input device is provided in aggregate or compressed form to reduce complexity or computing time.

Claim 303 (New) The system of claim 298, wherein the premium payment amount transmitted via the output device is increased by an optional service margin.

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Claim 304 (New) A computer program product for yielding a premium payment amount of a derivative contract along a multi-period timeline comprising computer readable memory having logic stored therein for execution on a computer, said logic comprising:

a) logic to receive a request from a user for a premium payment amount of a derivative contract, said derivative contract having a description comprising, on the multi-period timeline, a contract agreement time, a premium payment time and a payout payment time and, said description further comprising a payout payment amount described as a function of realized values of specified underlying(s) or parameters between the premium payment time and the payout payment time;

b) logic to receive a premium payment amount for each marginal unit of basis instruments contracts (BICs) having the same payout payment time as the derivative contract, each said marginal unit of BICs having the same premium payment time, said premium payment time being a time that precedes the payout payment time of the derivatives contract on the multi-period timeline;

c) logic to decompose the derivative contract into a portfolio of composing BICs, wherein each composing BIC comprises a quantity of marginal units of BICs having the same payout payment time as the derivative contract;

d) logic to compute a premium payment amount for each composing BIC based on a sum of the marginal units of BICs premium payment amounts in the quantity given by the portfolio decomposition;

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e) logic to compute a premium payment amount of the derivatives contract based on the portfolio of composing BICs having the same payout payment time as the derivatives contract, wherein said premium payment amount of the derivatives contract is computed as a weighted sum of the premium payment amounts of the composing BICs in the portfolio based on the quantities given by the portfolio decomposition,

f) logic to yield the premium payment amount of the derivatives contract for the premium payment time of the marginal units of BICs;

g) logic to repeat steps a), b), c) ,d), e) and f), where the premium payment amount of the derivative contract for the premium payment time of the marginal units of BICs is received by the first input device as a new derivatives contract with an incrementally decreased payout payment time, and wherein said repetition terminates when the premium payment time in step f) coincides with the premium payment time specified by the user in the description for the derivative contract;

h) and logic to transmit the premium payment amount for the derivative contract yielded in step f) when step g) indicates the repetition terminates, to the user who requested the premium payment amount of the derivative contract.

Claim 305 (New) The computer program product of claim 304, where the BICs are supplied in a variety of payout payment formats, including the Options format, the extended Arrow Debreu format and the Fourier format.

Claim 306 (New) The computer program product of claim 304 used in a trading or exchange system, wherein limitation b) further includes logic to receive a computed marginal premium payment amount for each unit or group of composing BICs obtained by selecting the most competitive price among those quoted by one or more market makers.

Claim 307 (New) The computer program product of claim 306, where the selected most competitive prices are subsequently contracted upon confirmation of a user's intent to trade the original derivatives contract.

Claim 308 (New) The computer program product of claim 304, wherein the premium payment amount for the marginal units of BICs received from the second input device is provided in aggregate or compressed form to reduce complexity or computing time.

Claim 309 (New) The computer program product of claim 304, wherein the premium payment amount transmitted via the output device is increased by an optional service margin.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 292 is allowable over the prior art because of limitations a), b) and g) recited therein. Particularly relevant in the prior art is the concept of Arrow

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Debreu Security (ADS) which is a type of contingent claim or insurance contract that pays a fixed amount if a particular event occurs or nothing otherwise.

Spanning such types of claims over all possible scenarios enables one to replicate and therefore price any contingent claim based on the occurrence of the uncertain event.

The claimed invention distinguishes three rather than two times in the description of a derivatives contract, as recited in limitation a). These times are a contract agreement time, a premium payment time and a payout payment time. In the prior art (ADS), the contract agreement time and the premium payment time are taken to be essentially the same. The distinction here leads to derivatives contracts with notional amounts that are functions of the future realized values of underlyings or parameters between the contract agreement time and the premium payment time.

The description of BICs in the specification and their introduction in limitation b) is relevant to the repetitive process recited in limitation g). That repetitive process enables static replication of derivative contracts using manageable amounts of replicating instruments i.e. BICs. This allows for computational savings when computing the premium payment amounts of derivatives contracts; essentially, the number of computing operations which in an ADS type of replication would have been needed would be growing exponentially with the number of trading periods. The number of BICs practically grows as a polynomial of fairly low order.

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Independent claims 298 and 304 are allowed based on a similar rationale. Dependent claims are allowed based on the same rationale as the claims from which they depend.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SARA CHANDLER whose telephone number is (571)272-1186. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Kramer can be reached on (571)272-6783. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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